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In Re Application of : July 22, 2003  
J.D. Champlin : Group Art No.: 2155  
Serial No. To be assigned  
Divisional of 09/184,868 : Examiner: F. Jean  
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Anne Vachon Dougherty  
Title: CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF 3173 Cedar Road  
SOFTWARE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE Yorktown Heights, NY 10598  
CONTROL OF A DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously  
with the filing of a Divisional Patent Application.

In the Divisional Patent Application, Applicants wish to  
submit the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of  
Claims which begins on page 2 wherein Applicants cancel Claims  
1-4, 7-11, 13-20, amend Claims 1 and 12, and add Claims 21-33.

**Remarks** which begin on page 7.